

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, 9:00 a.m. the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner (via telephone)
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
Jay Stovall, Commissioner (via telephone)

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick, Eric Eck, Will Rosquist, Robin McHugh (via telephone)

(247) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Electricity Default Supply Tracker Filing – Docket No. D2004.6.90 – to consider request of Commercial Energy for additional time to comment on the applicability of 69-8-201 (5), MCA, and NorthWestern Energy tariff on Electric Customer Choice Guidelines and Procedures, to issue of customers returning to default supply and a PSC interim order:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to reconsider comment deadline of July 7, 2004 and grant interested parties additional time to comment be extended to 5:00 p.m., July 16, 2004. Comments are requested of the Montana Consumer Counsel and other interested parties are invited to comment on the incremental costs from returning customers. The Montana PSC does not have access to the identity of these individual customers and the suppliers are recommended to contact these concerned customers. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commis-

sion's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, July 8, 2004, 9:00 a.m. the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby
Utility Division

(248) In the matter of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana N2004.6.91: On June 7, 2004 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed for approval to clarify the application of the Direct Inward Dialing (DID) Number charge for 100 numbers and to establish a separate charge for customers requesting DID numbers in blocks of 20. Citizens has requested a July 4, 2004 effective date.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the application of Direct Inward Dialing. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation/Centralized Services Division

(249) In the matter of T-04.42.RI: On June 2, 2004 Joseph L. Garcia dba Mining City Taxi, Butte, Montana filed a rate increase application of between 20% and 40% on passenger fares in the city of Butte, Montana and a 50 mile radius. The rate increase was noticed to the public on June 4, 2004 and no protests were received;

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve a rate increase filed by Garcia dba Mining City Taxi. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(250) In the matter of T-0443.ST: On May 5, 2004 Darrell A. Hegel dba D.C. Cab, Columbia Falls, Montana filed an application for transfer of PSC No. 9443 to Flathead Glacier Transportation LLC, Whitefish, Montana. The sale was noticed to the public on June 8, 2004 and no protests were received.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the application for transfer of PSC No. 9443 to Flathead Glacier Transportation LLC, Whitefish, Montana. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(251) In the matter of T-0444.ST: On May 18, 2004 Waste Connections of Montana, Inc., Miles City, Montana filed an application for transfer of PSC No. 9447 to Waste Connections of Montana, Inc. dba Bitterroot Disposal, Hamilton, MT. The sale was noticed to the public on June 8, 2004 and no protests were received.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the application for transfer of PSC No. 9447 to Waste Connections of Montana. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(252) In the matter of TN2224: U.G., Inc. dba Capitol City Taxi, Helena, Montana requests the cancellation of PSC No. 9441 effective immediately.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the immediate cancellation of PSC No. 9441. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(253) In the matter of TN2225: Treasure State Transit, Inc. dba Limousines of Helena LLC, Helena, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9020 to U.G., Inc. dba Queen City Limousine, Helena, Montana for a six month period of time, July 8, 2004 to January 8, 2005.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 9020 to U.G., Inc. dba Queen City Limousine, Helena, Montana for the specified time.
Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(254) In the matter of the In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes;

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of June 28, 2004. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

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APPEARANCE
Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(255) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest changes to SGAT Exhibit B and QPAP resulting from long term PID administration process – Docket No. 2000.6.80; Kate Whitney received issue of a notice of filing and opportunity to comment.

Commissioner Schneider moved to proceed to notice for public comment the Qwest's filing

regarding SGAT Exhibit B and QPAP from long term PID administration process. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Monica Tranel, Mike Lee

(256) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of 3 Rivers Communications – Docket No. 2004.6.87;

Commissioner Schneider moved to issue a notice for comment, inviting comments from others, and request 3 Rivers supply more information on their concern regarding MCI pricing of long distance services and how they want to proceed, and to refer to the commission in the QLD and QCC orders. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Monica Tranel, Gary Duncan

(257) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest and Covad interconnection agreement - Docket No. 2004.6.89;

Commissioner Jergeson moved that the Qwest/Covad agreement with the commission be filed under 251 and 252 and to issue the notice. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Rowe Abstained.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Kim Moran

(258) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. EAS application for Missoula and Helena – Docket No. 2003.1.8;

Commissioner Schneider moved to proceed with the Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative EAS application with hearing locations, dates, and times scheduled. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Monica Tranel, Phil Cooke, Tina Shorten

(259) In the matter of Telecommunications services standards rules and revisions -- Docket No. L98.4.2-RUL/L-99.4.3-RUL.

Commissioner Schneider moved that we publish the proposed rulemaking notice in the

Administrative Registrar. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson
Legal Division

(260) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE annual gas cost tracker true-up – Docket No. 2004.6.88;

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the protective order request. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Al Brogan, Brady Williamson

(261) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy proceedings;

Commissioner Jergeson moved that the MPSC approve the stipulation and settlement agreement of NorthWestern Energy and authorize any necessary signatures. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Laura Calkin
Transportation/ Centralized Services Division

(262) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of personnel and budget.

Commissioner Schneider moved to nominate the NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy team for the Governor's award for excellence. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stovall moved to adopt the 2005 travel allocations as recommended by Wayne Budt. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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